Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 284.51 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 94.84 crore as State contribution. Entire Central share of CRF, amounting to Rs. 284.51 crore for the year 2007-08 has been released.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted 2 memoranda seeking additional assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for relief operations in the areas affected by floods during 2007-08. High Level Committee (HLC) considered the request (1st memorandum) of the State and approved the assistance Rs. 136.053 crore from NCCF, subject to adjustment of 75% of the balance in the CRF account and payment of Air bills on actual basis.

Regarding 2nd memorandum Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited Andhra Pradesh during 16—19 December, 2007, for as on the spot assessment of damage and requirement of funds. The report of the Central Team has been received and processed. Certain clarifications have been sought from the State Government, which are still awaited. On receipt of clarifications, the request of the State Government will be placed before Inter Ministerial Group and High Level Committee for consideration and approval of assistance to the State from NCCF.

Streamlining the recruitment process in para-military forces

2084. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the number of persons at the lowest level recruited by para-military force under jurisdiction of his Ministry during 2007, force-wise;

whether it is a fact that at a number of recruitment centres of various paramilitary forces, no tests, physical or written could be conducted due to the creation of chaotic conditions by the aspirants;

if so, the details thereof in each case;

whether there is any proposal to streamline the recruitment process by these forces so as to avoid such situations; and

by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The recruitment tests are organized by the Forces at centres throughout the country. Position is being checked, particularly in the context of any untoward incident at these centres.

Naxalites recruiting minors in their troops

†2085. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware of the fact that naxalites are recruiting minors in their troops;

whether Government is also aware of the fact that these minors get military training in addition of collecting information for the naxalites; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to deal this situation and to protect the children from terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per infromation available, the naxalites recruit children from time to time. In Bihar and Jharkhand, children are enrolled in 'Bal Dasta'. In Chhattisgarh and Orissa, children's squad is known as 'Bal Sangham'. 'Bal Sangham' of the CPI (Maoist) in Orissa has been banned by the State Government.

'Police and 'public order being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Governments, who deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States.

Registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, including crime against children, is undertaken by the concerned State Governments.

The Central Government also closely monitors the situation and supports the State Governments through various measures. These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State Police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security-related expenditure, assistance in training of State Police, sharing of Intelligence, facilitating Inter-State coordination and assistance for development through a range of schemes of different Ministries, including Centrally-sponsored scheme for women and child development.

Land grabbing by foreign companies in border areas

2086. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that a large number of foreign companies are buying land through builder at various parts of the country, particularly around metropolitan cities and border areas;

if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;

whether Government has taken any cautious approach towards land grabbing by foreign companies, particularly some important and sensitive areas of border;

whether it is also a fact that huge land have been purchased unlawfully by some companies in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts of Rajasthan; and

if so, Government's views and reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Relevant infromation are being collected from various States/UTs etc.

(d) and (e) Government is aware that large scale land transactions have taken place in the border areas of Rajasthan. The Rajasthan Government has initiated a detailed inquiry into these transactions with the intention of identifying the purchasers and ascertaining the motives behind such transactions. A definitive conclusion/analysis would be possible only after completion of the detailed enquiry being undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan with the support of the Central Government agencies. A high level review on the subject matter